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**In the Interests of Freemasonry, the Concordant Orders of Iowa, and Fraternity Generally**

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SIR KNIGHT RINALDO L. TILTON,
OF OTTUMWA, IOWA.

It gives us pleasure to present the handsome face of one of the most active Fraternal leaders of Iowa. Sir Knight Tilton has always been active in Masonry in his community and is a Past Commander of Knights Templar. He is Past Grand Master of Odd Fellows, and present Grand Master Workman of the Loyal A. O. U. W. He is also an active member of the K. P's and a member of their Grand Lodge. As a superior officer he is gentlemanly, considerate and magnanimous; as a worker he is incessent and his good traits are innumerable. We know him to love him and he deserves well of any Order fortunate enough to have his personal interest.

# COMMANDERIES.

## PERHAPS DESIRABLE.

If, as we notice by the secular press, the coming triennial encampment of Knights Templar Oct. 11-14 at Pittsburg, will be the most important in its history. Not only are the Constitution and Digest to be revised, but it is expected that the question of building a magnificent temple in Washington, D. C., as headquarters for the Grand Encampment and a permanent resting place for the archives, will be acted upon " "If," as we said above, the result would turn the attention of Templary in this country to one place and discontinue the immense expense to which the Order goes every three years for display. We don't know but its perhaps desirable(?) If the "Holy House" of the Supreme Council 33° and the flush treasury of that body be a significant pointer—then "on to Washington!" But, if on the other hand there be no more "bowels and mercies," no greater extension of our charities from the increased saving, then we don't even say perhaps, much less desirable.

# THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

## EL-KAHIR—CARROLL.

THURSDAY, Nov. 3, 1898.

The arrangements are all made for the Great El-Kahir El-Carroll meeting.

PLACE—.Germania Opera House—Business, Ceremonial Session, Banquet and Club room—everything to be there.

HOTELS.— The Burke will be the official hotel ($2.00); the City Hotel is ($1.50), the latter is opposite Germania Opera House. For rooms write Moses Simon, Carroll.

BANQUET—By the Ladies of the Eastern Star.

CANDIDATES—Should report to C. L. Wattles, Carroll, chairman local committee, at once, and on arrival go to the Burke House.

BUSINESS OFFICE.—The recorder will receive dues, issue passports, enroll candidates, sell Fezes and receive HALF RATE subscriptions for this paper in the writing room of the Burke House—1:00 to 4 p.m., and after the parade.

DAUGHTERS OF ISIS.—Petitions will be received and orders entered for White Fezes for the ladies who expect to be at our annual meeting in December.

THE TRIP.—Will likely be made on the Fast Mail, C. & N. W. leaving Cedar Rapids at 7,58 a. m., arriving in Carroll 12:26 noon. Nobles living at points where the train does not stop should buy local ticket to next point west on train preceding it and buy excursion tickets *there* for Carroll on the Certificate plan. Return trip is to be made (expected) by special leaving Carroll at 3:00 a. m. to Ames, thence on regular east arriving at Cedar Rapids at 11:45 a. m. Friday. GET A MOVE ON YOU.

## A WORD FROM EDEN.

We notice a disposition, on the part of several of our contemporaries, to advise action, on the part of Blue Masonry, looking to the forbidding of members of the Fraternity becoming connected with the Mystic Shrine. No matter what our opinion may be of the Shrine; no matter how much the profane world may fume and fret and make faces; no matter how much the priest may condemn or the bishop anathematize, it is composed of men whose standing is vouched for by the Blue Lodge and who are as respectable as the average Mason, in spite of the fact that they may occasionally smother an acquired seriousness in a burst of hilarity. A Grand Lodge has no more right to discipline a member for becoming a member of the "Shrine" than it has to expel one for enlisting in the Salvation Army, or joining the Catholic Church. If the individual Mason violates a Masonic law, at a meeting of the Shrine, or in a building dedicated to the service of God, he should be prosecuted for un-Masonic conduct; if he violates no law, he should not be condemned by Masons, no matter how much the outside world may rave. If we indulge in orgies in violation of the moral law, the virtuous Mason, or profane, have a perfect right to condemn us, as individuals, or en-masse, but not without due trial and indisputable evidence of guilt. We do not ask the vicious and immoral man to teach us our duty nor need we care how much our enemies condemn us, so long as we follow the paths of rectitude, over the smooth places, through the bogs and swamps of adversity, up the hill, down the dale, or through the rippling, dancing, laughing waters that give us life and light and hope. Masonry never will accomplish anything by force, except its own disintegration and possible destruction. If Masonry is not good enough to keep its membership in line, without resorting to un-Masonic measures, it is not fit to live.—*Eden Reed.*



## ANCIENT MEMPHIS.

No capital in the world dates so far back as this, or kept its place in history so long. Founded four thousand years before our era, it beheld the rise and fall of thirty-one dynasties; it survived the rule of the Persian, the Greek and the Roman; it was even in its decadence, second only to Alexandria in population and extent; and it continued to be inhabited up to the time of the Arab invasion. It then became the quarry from which Tostat (old Cairo) was built, and as the new city rose on the eastern banks the people of Memphis quickly abandoned their ancient capitol to desolation and decay.—*E. B. Edwards.*

## THE EARLIEST SARACENIC EDIFICE.

The Mosque of Amr, built by Amr Ebu el-As, the Arab conquerer of Egypt, in A. H. 21, (A. D. 642), just 10 years after the death of Mohammed, in Cairo is the earliest Saracenic edifice in Egypt.—*E. B. Edwards.*

## THE EGYPTIAN BEETLE.

As a type, no insect has ever had so much greatness thrust upon him. He became a hieroglyple, and stood for a word signifying both To Be and To Transform. His portrait was multiplied a million-fold; sculptured over portals of temples; fitted to the shoulders of a God; engraved on gems; moulded in pottery; painted on Sarcophagi and the walls of tombs; worn by the living and buried with the dead.—*A. B. Edwards.*

## MOSQUES A PLACE OF REST.

"A Mohammedan morgue is as much a place of rest and refuge as of prayer; the houseless Arab may take shelter there by night as well as day as freely as the birds may build their nests in the cornice, or as the blind man's dog may share the cool shade with the sleeping master."—*Amelia B. Edwards, at the Mosque of Sultan Hassan in Cairo.*

## ESCAPE OF EMIM BEY.

When Mehemet Ali, in 1811, ordered four hundred and seventy Memlook nobles shot down like mad dogs—one only is said to have escaped—a certain Emin Bey, who leaped his horse over a gap in the wall, alighted safely in the piazza below and galloped away into the desert.—*Amelia B. Edwards.*

## SHRINE DAY AT OMAHA.

September 13, 14 and 15, 1898, will go down into Shrine history as "red letter days." "Red" describes it to a "T." To announce that it was a success is to put it mildly. Tangier and Sesostris Temples were hosts, and the way they entertained us was a caution. All things were ours. The 13th was a sort of locating day—one traveled to and from the Exposition to settle landmarks by which to steer homeward in the future. In the evening a reception at the "Mercer," that's Dick Smith's loafing place—here it was that the Naja boys from Deadwood surrendered the Imperial Potentate to the Nobility, after keeping him captive in the Black Hills, Billy Dickinson knows how long. Oh, if we had space! We'd write those "punchers" one right here that would "round up" the rounders. Speeches and salutations and social perspiration was the order of "that night."

THE 14TH—SHRINE DAY AT THE EXPOSITION.

Addresses, promenades, sights and scenes, all day long. The Honorable Mayor presented the keys of the city—which the Deadwood Nobles magnaminously brought back late in the morning—and extended the freedom to take away *anything* except the new Union Depot. Well, this day ended, merging in the 15th.

Nine a. m., found a long line of Nobles and Daughters of Isis on their way to Swift's—we can taste that smell yet—where all the ins and outs of the great packing—and unpacking—industry were taken from life. Luncheon was served afterward, but the Swift's Specific gag did not work—smell or no smell, the impulse of the "lunch fiend" overcame all discretion and for hours, sandwiches, coffee, lemonade, etc's disappeared Swiftly. The Ceremonial Session at Boyd's and a matinee at the Creighton (for the ladies) wound up the day. Only, the gleeful girls thought

we were safely disposed of, out of harms way, but if they had seen the Houri, the dancing girls and Fatima (sweet!) Queen of the Midway entertaining us in the 99th degree they'd have risen up between the acts and screamed. Yet, withal the dignity of the occasion was not abused. We were Nobles, and each section was a delight. Then came feasting of reason and flood of soul—then the parade—then the Trocadero—where last but not easily disposed of. The Vaudeville Theatre came near being turned into a forum, and speech-making, mellow as the evening breezes or strong as the rush of a sand storm, kept the other performers back until after ten. But, it was a night.

We had our Imperial Potentate, E. F. Allen—may his tribe increase with us—and we all had reason to remember the pleasant memories of these three days. The daily press of Omaha gave columns to the affairs and those who want to read another "Arabian Nights Entertainment" should send for a Bee or a Herald of the right date.

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ISAAC BEN AKAR.

We cannot let this number pass without a word about our Coptic Egyptian friend, Noble Ben Akar, who being in charge of the Streets of All Nations, and owning the camels, donkeys, and other attractions, generously loaned them all to the occasion of Tangier-Sesostris entertainment. He is a member of Medinah Temple, Chicago, and a Mason of the Thirty-second degree. He is not a Mohammedan (the Copts are mostly Christians) and is a descendant of the most ancient race of Egypt—a native of Cairo and a royal gentleman whom Nobles want to ask for on the Streets of All Nations. Abou Ben Akar we salute you. Es Salamu Aleikum.

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The Camels are coming.

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Thirteen New Temples reported thus far this year.

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On to Buffalo, is already taking hold of the Nobility.

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El Kahir goes to Carroll, November 3d, for another big class.

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There is more than the usual activity among the Temples—the time of Pilgrimages has come.

A Court of the Daughters of Isis will be instituted at Cedar Rapids, Ia., Dec. 21, next.

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The Notices this month are all fine. Almas "Cake Walk" and Moolah's "Naval Engagement" are the big things.

## THE ROYAL ARCH.

HON. W. F. CLEVELAND,

M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF IOWA.

This journal neither desires nor can afford to neglect any department of Masonry and it is our earnest wish to do justice to them all. We want the news of the Chapters—we dont care for articles as our room is too limited to afford that, but short pithy items are wanted and we hope the Grand High Priest will see how all Companions obey his request.

OUR GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

We once more present the portrait of our dear Companion and warm friend, Hon. W. F. Cleveland, of Harlan, Iowa, who is now serving in the highest place in the gift of his Companions. He it was who conferred the orders of Knighthood upon us and under his pleasant Companionship our exaltation took place. Companion Cleveland has our best wishes for his success. He has already served the Templars of Iowa as their Grand Commander. He is a man whom prosperity does not spoil and office does not make him vain. Hail to our Chief.



RECEPTION.

COMPANION: You are fraternally invited with your ladies to be present at a reception to be given Companion W. F. Cleveland, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State, at the parlors of Olivet Chapter, Harlan, on Friday evening, September 30th, 1898, beginning at 7:30.

W. B. ROWLAND,
W. T. SHEPHERD,
W. C. CAMPBELL. } Committee.

Duties over which we have no control to change, compelled us to miss this gathering in our original Chapter home.

## THE LODGES.

LET ALL PAY.

It appears that formerly, in South Dakota, ministers of the gospel received the degrees gratis, but the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge that privilege was revoked, so that hereafter our clerical faiends will meet the same expense paid by other applicants who receive the degrees.—*Trestle Board.*

The editor of this journal has paid for all his degrees, and he is no better off than many of the reverened gentlemen who come in for nothing and who contribute nothing after they get in. We favor *all paying their share.*

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A heated discussion took place in the Utah Grand Lodge as to the propriety of allowing dancing and other harmless social recreations in the lodge room, a strong majority report favoring it and an equally positive minority report proscribing it, but when pushed to a deciding vote the majority won, as it generally does and should. So, in Washington, "on with the dance, let joy be unconfined."—*Kansas Freemason.*

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TROJAN'S DELIGHTFUL SOCIAL.

The members of Trojan Lodge 548, Marion, and their families, were treated to a delightful social surprise on August 27th, their regular night. Cards had been sent inviting brothers and the ladies to be there by 9 p. m. A social time was had after the arrival of the ladies. At 10:30 all repaired to the dining hall and partook of refreshments, cake, ice cream and frozen melon. Worshipful Master Plumb and Senior Steward Boyles deserve and are getting high praise for the "first."

The Masonic bodies at Rolfe are erecting commodious quarters over one of the new blocks—though they had good rooms—that progressive community wants the best there is and is none too good for them.

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At Sibley both Lodge and Chapter are making commendable progress.

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There are a number of Masons of various degrees residing in Orange City, where they need a Lodge.

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DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

At Mason City, Nov. 7 to 12, 1898, Lodges 102, 129, 141, 145, 191, 210, 211, 213, 241, 246, 250, 251, 266, 294, 319, 323, 326, 426, 488, 498, 528 Granite U. D.

DISTRICT NO. 11

At Marshalltown, Nov. 14 to 19, 1898, Lodges 99, 108, 113, 117, 118, 174, 203, 254, 262, 268, 273, 276, 292, 310, 338, 352, 436, 455, 466, 469, 486, 513, 520.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

At Manning, Nov. 28 to Dec. 3, 1898, Lodges 197, 201, 244, 264, 321, 342, 349, 369, 392, 402, 422, 441, 444, 450, 451, 476, 507, 543.

## THE EASTERN STAR.

This month the Grand Chapter of Iowa will convene in Cedar Rapids and it will undoubtedly be one of the largest and most important gatherings ever held since the oaganization in the State. As the attendance is on the certificate plan those coming should ask for the proper receipt at each point *enroute* when they buy tickets so that the reduced rate can be had on the return trip. The headquarters will be at the Grand Hotel. The local chapter (Cedar 184) is making ample preparations to entertain the delegates and visitors handsomely.

The order may or may not be proud to know that along with "Dewey," "Hobson" and other heroic brands of cigars there is one "Eastern Star" brand.

# FRATERNITIES.

The editor of this journal is looking for information which will be used for the common good in this department Address, Drawer E, Marion Iowa.

The Order of the Sphinx is a new aspirant for Fraternal Favor. It starts in Cedar Rapids. Initiation fee nominal. Dues $2 per quarter. Sick benefits $6 per week during any illness. Funeral benefit for husband $100; wife $60; (they do not say why the woman's fee is less than the man's). The order has its own physician and druggist "and furnishes all these things absolutely free to its members, in addition to paying members $6 a week during illness."

The numerous "Fraternal days" at Omaha cannot help but favorably impress the people with the magnitude of the Fraternal Army.

The Supreme Lodge A. O. U. W. adopted a "suicide clause." "It results in the forfeiture of all claim on our beneficiary fund if suicide shall be committed within two years after receiving the Workman degree, sane or insane, except in delirium resulting from disease, or while under treatment for insanity, or after a judicial declaration of insanity. This pertains to the supreme lodge beneficiary jurisdiction and does not become obligatory on the several grand lodge jurisdictions until the same shall be adopted by them."

"The Fraternal Brotherhood of the World"—organ of the F. B. W., broadly hints that some fraternity has been reporting a fake No. 152 at North English. Say, shorten your name and out with the truth.

Fraternalism means bearing one another's burdens; help that is not charity; the purchase of a cash estate on the instalment plan; discounting the vicissitudes of fickle fortune.—*Our Home.*

Fraternity does not begin with initiations. It must exist before a man connects himself with any brotherhood. It must be born in a man. Allying one's self with a fraternity is merely the outward acknowledgement of one's true, innermost sympathies. Actions are what count, not words. Manifestations of brotherly interest, sincere greetings, honest smiles and a hearty handshake—these things are fraternal. Without them, badges, signs, pass-words, pretty speeches and realistic impressions are all a sham and a mockery.—*National Underwriter.*

The best surplus for the fraternals is a surplus of energy. The best emergency fund is found in the loyalty and enthusiasm of its members. The best reserve is a reserve of push, pluck and perseverance. No business enterprise can succeed, even though it has a large capital behind it, unless the management has the ability to meet competition by untiring, persistent efforts. In this advanced age business will not come to those who wait. It is only those who reach for it, push for it and hold it when secured. A sit-down, non-progressive policy results in failure. This must govern fraternal beneficiary orders as well as purely business firms or corporations.—*Bee Hive.*

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## OUR BOOK TABLE.

WE TENDER THANKS

To Grand Recorder Alf. Wingate, for the Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Iowa, 1898.

To Grand Recorder and Secretary George A Pettigrew, for the Proceedings of all the South Dakota bodies, 1898.

To. B. F. Rehkopf, Grand Recorder for Supreme Lodge Proceedings, A. O. U. W., 1898.

To R. M. J. Coleman, 32° Register of Des Moines Consistory No. 3, for their Statutes.

To Mollah and Murat Temples, N. M. S., for Rosters of their bodies.

INVITATIONS.

We thank General and Mrs. John Corson Smith, of Chicago, for an invitation to attend the Masonic Veterans Society of Illinois at "Smith's Inn," Oct. 26, 1898.

A like compliment from the Grand Chapter O. E. S. of Michigan, for October 12, 1898.

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The Grand High Priest of Iowa, R. A. M., gave the editor a friendly touching up at the Grand Chapter in August. Now the Royal Arch department will be just as full as any other when the Companions put us on to the doings of the Chapters. See? Its the items of news that we want—and subscribers.




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## GRAND GATHERINGS.

GRAND LODGES MEET.
Iowa, Mason City, June 6, 1899.

CROM BOWEN.....Des Moines.....GRAND MASTER
T. S. Parvin.....Cedar Rapids.....Grand Secretary

CONVOCATIONS, R. A. M.
Iowa, Grand, Red Oak, October 19th, 1899.
W. F. CLEVELAND...Harlan....GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Secretary

CONCLAVES K. T.
Grand Encampment, Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 14, 1898.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 14, 1899.
G. W. BEVER.....Cedar Rapids..GRAND COMMANDER
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Recorder

GRAND CHAPTERS O. E. S.
General Grand (U. S.,) Washington, D. C., Sept. 27, 1898
Iowa, Oct. 26,, 1898. Cedar Rapids.
MRS. DELIA B. MEREDITH..Newton..GRAND MATRON
W. H. Norris.....Manchester.....Grand Patron
Mrs. Maria Jackson...Council Bluffs.....Grand Recorder

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Imperial Council, Buffalo, N. Y., June 13, 1899.
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# EDITORIAL NOTES

## RT. REV. T. E. GREEN, S. T. D.

It is with pleasure that we chronicle the elevation of the Grand Prelate of Iowa, to the Episcopate of his diocese Sept. 6, 1898. This city has known the new Bishop for several years and his works in Grace Church praise him. He is connected with the various Cedar Rapids Masonic bodies and is now serving his second term as Grand Prelate of Iowa Knights Templar. We tender our congratulations and wish for our Right Reverned Brother a long and prosperous career.

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Ethelbert F. Allen has endeared himself afresh to his old friends and widened the circle among a host of new ones by his gentlemanly and fraternal manners. He is approachable without contemptible familiarity; he is free without carelessness, and one of the boys.

"The Investigator", of Manchester, Beardslee & Beehler, publishers, give a full sketch of Bro. F. J. Atwater. Those who wish to preserve the item should write to "Ma" at Manchester, Iowa.

J. F. Merry, long identified with Manchester, goes to Dubuque to reside.

Masons differ in the same community; Masons differ in different localities, but Masonry is the same everywhere the world over. The true Freemason is full of brotherly love, relief and truth.

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## HOW'S THIS FOR BENEVOLENCE.

It is green in our memory for its recent and under direct and authoritative information that in a recent application for an allowance for the widow of a deceased member of a great fraternity two points of uncertainty fronted the committee.

1. It was reported that her husband was *not* affiliated—though this was the third year of allowance, and previous evidence of his good standing had been shown by all the attentions a subordinate body dare show a deceased member.

2. It was reported that she had gone into business and put the little moiety granted from our THOUSANDS, *into her business.* Oh, how we wish that individual could see the modest layout with which that heroic little widow and mother took up a new line of work because of broken health in the wear and worry of another industry. The modesty of the recipient and the fact that providence turned the hearts of men to favor her has saved this article from being a withering resume of facts. It is high time that there be more benevolence and less red tape—more true charity and less technical politics.

## CORNING LETTER.

CORNING, IOWA, 9-21, '98.

*To Freemason and Fez:*

Next Friday night occurs the regular meeting of Instruction Lodge. At that time the 3° will be conferred upon Bro. Fred Hill. Then our Lodge will contain two family groupes of three generations each. The candidate being the eldest son of Bro. S. H. Hill, our Senior Warden, whose venerable father, S. B. Hill, is the trusted Tyler of the Lodge, as well as Tiling. Excelsior Chapter, R. A. M. The other group comprises the worthy father of Senator Bell, of Fairfield, Thomas Bell,—kind of heart and sweet in disposition as the late Revered Father Schreiner,—his son, Bro. James E. Bell, our worthy W. M. and grand son, Brother Thos. Bell, Jr., Past Junior Warden. Is not this a remarkable record? The Lodge is prospering, and attendence good.

Eureka Chapter is flourishing under the priestship of Rev. Ira P. Clark, County Superintendent of Public Instruction. The membership is of the best Masons, and the organization out of debt.

Emblem Chapter No. 64, O. E. S., will resume stated meetings next Tuesday evening, after an adjournment of three months through the heated term. This body, too, is in excellent condition. Sister Ony H. Salts wields the gavel with seeming satisfaction to the membership. While Bro. Clark, above mentioned, is the able and zealous worthy patron at her left, the official staff is wholly made up from our best and brightest membership, and the members on the floor are our best people. We have now three elected petitioners, awaiting to "thread the meshy mazes" of our labyrinth at the next meeting. We also have a number of readers of your excellent magazine and they certainly are the stronger in mind and better informed on fraternal lines by the reading. I assure you THE FREEMASON is a welcome visitor to our Chapter room. Emblem will send her usual strong delegation to Grand Chapter. Generally from 5 to 7 of our members take a week's outing and attend Grand Chapter.

Our pains-taking and zealous Associate Matron, Sister Lina Wells, has recently returned from White Cloud, Kansas, whither she was called by the death of her sister. Sister Wells and family has the profound sympathy of a large circle of friends throughout the state in Star and church circles.

## THEN WHY CRACK UP FEEDS?

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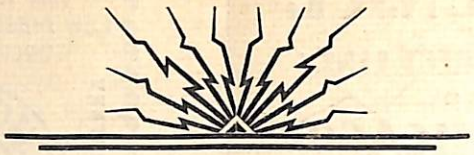

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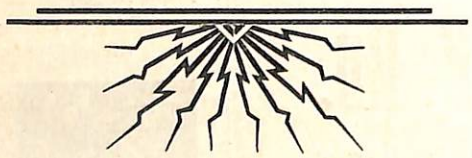

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